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SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT: PROGRAM: ROYAL AUDIENCE AND RELATED MATTERS

FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT HIS MAJESTY WILL GRANT AUDIENCE TO DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO FROM 3:00 TO 3:45 P. M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19, RATHER THAN 4:00 P. M. AS EARLIER REPORTED. DETAILED PROGRAM BEING FORWARDED SEPTTEL INCORPORATES THIS CHANGE.

2. QUEEN WILL NOT RECEIVE MRS. RUSH AND MRS. SISCO AS PEVIOUSLY INTIMATED BECAUSE OF 13 DAY MOURNING PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY EXCEPT KING IN MEMORY OF KING' S GRANDMOTHER, WHO DIED LAST THURSDAY (KATHMANDU 1504). I BELIEVE THAT IN VIEW OF THIS UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MRS. RUSH AND MRS. SISCO, AS ALTERNATIVE TO AUDIENCE, TO UNDERTAKE VISIT TO SOME LOCAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION. UNLESS MRS. RUSH AND MRS. SISCO PREFER AVOID SUCH ACTIVITY, WE WILL ORGANIZE RELATIVELY BRIEF (ONE- HALF HOUR) VISIT TO TAKE PLACE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER MY LUNCHEON NEXT THURSDAY, AT LOCAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO HIS MAJESTY FROM THE PRESIDENT ON OCCASION OF DEATH OF QUEEN GRANDMOTHER, WHICH WE SENT TO THE ROYAL PALACE THIS MORNING.

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